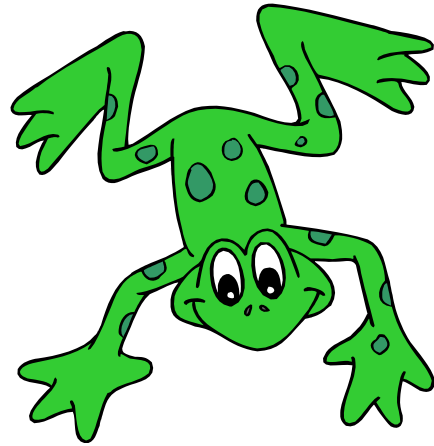


First Grade Leaps Into Learning

September 10, 2010



Reading News

We have been working on the letters and sounds for **a** and **t**. We have also been working on learning to read words in the **at** key or word family. The sight words or "circle words" that we have been learning are **red, my, the, see** and **we**. We have been working on and using the terms left, right, upper, lower, vertical, and horizontal.

Next week we will work on the letters and sounds for **c, d, m, and l**. Our keys will be **ad** and **am**. The sight or "circle" words will be **to, yellow, like, blue, a, orange, me, you, look, little, I, do** and **here**.

Please review the papers that come home throughout the week and refer to this section of the newsletter so that you can help your child at home. **We urge you to make flashcards out of index cards with the keys and words we have learned to use for review and practice at home. This is part of a first grader's nightly homework!**

Math News

We have been working on **making and interpreting patterns** (Math SOL 1.17) and **sorting and classifying** (Math SOL 1.16). We have also been exploring math materials during a time known as "tubbing".

Next week we will work on counting and writing the numbers 0-10 (Math SOL 1.1), problem solving using a picture (Math SOL 1.6), and **ordering numbers to 10** (Math SOL 1.1).

Science/Social Studies

We have been listening to stories about school, talking about what kind of class we want to be, learning about the need for and importance of rules. All of this is part of Social Studies SOL 1.10 to develop traits of a good citizen.

Next week we will learn about the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance (Social Studies SOL 1.11). Students should be able to:

- ✓ identify the American flag
- ✓ demonstrate respect for the American flag by learning the Pledge of Allegiance

Other Important Information

- Ice cream day for first grade is Monday. The price is .65. Your child needs to know his/her 7-digit cafeteria number to purchase ice cream.
- Breakfast and lunch prices:
 - Full price breakfast is \$1.10.
 - Full price lunch is \$1.60.
- Milk costs .50.
- Students may bring a ready-to-eat snack to eat during our morning break.
- Students may bring a water bottle with a sports top to keep on their desk for use during the day. These should go home daily to be washed.
- **You are required to send a note explaining the specific reason for your child's absence from school.**

Important Dates in September

20-24 - Week of PALS testing
24 - PTO Sock Hop 7:00-9:00 pm
27 - PTO Fundraiser begins
29 - PTO Movie Day "Legend of the Guardians"

LEAP into LEARNING at HJB!

